Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Environmental education bolsters critical thinking, problem solving, and service learning skills in our K-12 students while addressing South Dakota's educational content standards; and,

Whereas, Environmental education contributes to the future economic, social, and environmental well-being of South Dakota by preparing its students to understand ecological and human systems and to participate in the civic arena; and,

Whereas, Environmental education encourages schools to partner with South Dakota's numerous and high quality community resources such as museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums, refuges, and local, state, and national parks; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's environmental education community will have an opportunity to annually feature its accomplishments on a national, state, and local level; and,

Whereas, National Environmental Education Week, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in South Dakota, in cooperation with South Dakota educational organizations, agencies, schools, and groups, will become an annually anticipated event:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 12-19, 2009. as

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State